

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services.

FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER (FQHC) PRACTITIONER EXPANSION

Pending approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes to modify the State Plan for Medicaid and Peachcare for Kids to allow for Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, and Certified Peer Specialists to deliver services and be reimbursed in FQHCs according to the practitioner's practice acts. The effective date of the proposed change is November 10, 2023.

The expansion of practitioners in FQHCs is expected to be cost neutral.

This public notice is available for review at each county Division of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **November 16, 2023 at 11:30 a.m., via Zoom audio**. There will be **no in-person** attendance at the Department of Community Health (DCH).

Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 656-4479 at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled public hearing to ensure any necessary accommodations can be provided.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **November 23, 2023**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966. You may also email comments to Danisha Williams, danwilliams@dch.ga.gov or fax to 404-651-6880.

Comments submitted will be available for review by submitting a request via email to Danisha Williams, danwilliams@dch.ga.gov.

If the proposed changes are presented to the Board for final action, relevant comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board. The Board expects to vote on the proposed changes

at the Board meeting to be held on **December 14, 2023** at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health unless withdrawn or withheld by the Department for further review.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 9th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023
Russel Carlson, Commissioner